Trade in Human Organs

*100. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an organised trade in human organs has been going on for some time in Leprosy Institute in Agra which is affiliated to the Indian Council of Medical Research;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). The allegations that the Central Jalma Institute of Leprosy, Agra is involved in removal of eyes and kidneys of poor and helpless leprosy patients and selling and trading these organs with a view to get money, as published in the New Delhi Edition of the *Times of India* dated 16.1.1992, have been looked into and found to be totally baseless, reckless and malacious. The Institute has neither the technical competence nor the physical infrastructure required for organ removal transplantation surgery: it can perform only curative and restorative surgery. These are also the subject matter of the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1095 of 1991 – *Shri Sushil Kumar Verma V. Union of India and others*, which is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

[*Translation*]

Reservation for Miraj

*924. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation facility is provided to the passengers only up to Miraj in the trains running between Delhi and Goa;

(b) if so, whether passengers travelling up to Goa have to obtain reservation again at Miraj; and

(c) if so, the manner in which reservation charges for Delhi–Goa journey are obtained by Reservation Office, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Though reservations upto Vasco are being given at Delhi and other stations in 2702/2704 Goa Express trains to the extent of through quotas earmarked at various stations. A part of the accommodation on 2702 is available only upto Miraj.

(c) A single reservation–cum–journey ticket is issued to passengers booked from Nizammuddin to Miraj by 2702 Goa Express and Miraj to Vasco by 2704 Goa Express treating the entire journey as one journey and fares are collected as per the normal rules.

[*English*]

Rehabilitation of Tribals Affected under Development Plans

925. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken for rehabilitation of tribals and other families affected under plans of the Project Tiger areas, National Parks and Sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat;

(b) the amount of financial assistance provided for rehabilitation of tribals during